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Advice To Nicholas

Suggested That Czar Summons Nobles and Appeal to the Nation.

Leading Newspaper Reviews the Situation Counselling Immediate Action.

Sarcastic Comments on Conduct of War Appear in Public Print.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—(12:30 a. m.)—A bold way out of the perplexities of the present situation has been suggested, namely, that Emperor Nicholas travel in state to the ancient capital of Moscow, summon the nobles and leading members of the zemstvos around him in the sacred precincts of the Kremlin, frankly lay the situation before them, publicly pledge his word for the execution of the projected reforms and make a stirring personal appeal through them to the people to loyally rally to the support of the Russian arms and co-operate in prosecuting the war to a successful termination. Such a personal appeal from the sovereign undoubtedly would have a powerful effect throughout the country and for the dynasty would have an advantage over the plan of submitting the question of peace or war to the Zemsky Sobor, which some of the newspapers are again urging.

The Novoe Vremya, in a strong article headed "Precious Moments Lost," reviews the situation leading up to the defeat of the army in Manchuria, the grave nature of the internal tragedy at Moscow, the bloody events at Warsaw, Riga and Baku, the series of attempts upon individual representatives of the civil and military authorities and the increasing boldness of the claims of non-Russian provinces, some of which are threatening, and others even making attempts at armed uprisings, as in Georgia and Finland, which the Novoe Vremya declares are alarming. Jews everywhere are fanning the flames of revolution, and the danger of the agrarian movement is increasing. The article concludes: "There is no time to waste. The rescript is a fortnight old and nothing has been done. The assembly of representatives which it contemplates must meet at once, and the best form is that of the old Zemsky Sobor."

Criticism on the conduct of the war which had been appearing in the newspapers has been aggravated by General Kuropatkin's defeat, and is now of the most outspoken character. The Russ formally

Abandons All Hope of Success of the war under the present regime, sarcastically pointing out that the administration, in its desire to provide Vladivostok with coal, is supplying the Japanese fleet.

AMERICAN APPOINTMENTS.
Colored Gentleman Gets a Position as Collector.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—The nomination of Chas. W. Anderson, a negro, to be collector of internal revenue for the second district of New York has been confirmed by the senate.

Charles W. Treat of New York has been confirmed as treasurer of the United States.

A TENEMENT HOLOCAUST.
Nineteen Persons Roasted to Death in Fire at New York.

New York, March 14.—Nineteen persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the five story tenement house at 105 Allen street early today. More than forty persons were injured and only a few of the sleeping inmates escaped unhurt. Several of those who perished were roasted to death in plain view of thousands.

Coroner Goldenkranz declared after an investigation that he had reason to believe the blaze was the work of an incendiary.

He issued subpoenas for the fire marshal, tenement house and building inspectors and health and police officers to appear before him at the inquest Thursday.

Victims Caught in Trap
The fire started in the basement and spread with frightful rapidity to the roof. The victims were caught in traps of flames, the halls and exits being rendered impassable in a few minutes after the blaze started.

The building was one of the usual crowded tenements and the worst in the history of the east side.

The district attorney's office has begun an investigation to place the blame for the great loss of life.

Chief Croker of the fire department asserts that the police and tenement house officials are to blame for the disaster of the tenement house. The tenement house officials, however, say that the blame is on the shoulders of the fire commissioners. Of the nineteen dead, three bodies, those of a boy and two girls, remain unidentified.

Of five unidentified bodies one was recognized as that of Harris Seidler, aged forty, and another is thought to be that of Rachael Zeidler, aged twelve. It is possible that the other three bodies will never be identified.

Apparently every person known to have been in the house when the fire started has been accounted for, and it is believed that these three victims were visitors with some of the families who lived there. The bodies are so badly burned that they are practically unrecognizable.

Seeking to Place Blame
Fire Chief Edward F. Croker said the loss of life was mainly due to delay in giving the alarm. Eight minutes, he said, elapsed after the fire started before the alarm was sounded. He added that the fire escapes were shamefully clogged and that it was the duty of the tenement house commission and the police department to have seen that the law against fire escape obstruction was enforced.

In reply to the comment of Fire Chief Croker, Police Commissioner McAdoo said: "The fire was discovered by the police as speedily as it could be under any possible circumstances. It was well handled and the police in no way responsible for its occurrence or the loss of life which resulted."

STILL WAITING FOR THE BLOW TO FALL

Order Rapidly Being Brought Out of Chaos in Kuropatkin's Army But Progress of Gen. Kawamura's Turning Movement Is Unknown.

W. A. SUMMARY.
(By Associated Press.)
By delay in pressing its pursuit of the Russian army to Tio pass, Oyama has given Kuropatkin time to gather together his scattered command and to restore at least a semblance of order. So far as known there is no considerable force of Japanese nearer Tio pass than six or eight miles; but in Russian quarters there is a feeling of apprehension that some turning movement, of which there is no definite information, is in progress.

Order Out of Chaos
In the grand army, order is being brought out of chaos with remarkable celerity. The plain in front of Tio pass which on March 11 seemed like a nest of ants with the dense confused mass of transports, artillery and troops—corps, divisions and regiments being scattered and parties inextricably mingled—has been cleared, the regiments reorganized, stragglers sent to their respective commands, organizations taken their assigned positions, and today the same soldiers who on March 10 became a terror-stricken, surging, disorganized mass of gray at a few shots from a little detachment of Japanese, or who even fled in panic, firing indiscriminately in all directions as they ran at the mere baseless cry of "Japanese cavalry," are now gathered singing about the camp fires with new courage, ready to oppose

With a Stubborn Resistance.
any attack on Tio pass. It is unfair to accuse the entire army of this panic. Gen. Linvitch entered Tio pass with his regiments in perfect order with music playing and the men singing, and scarcely a soldier was lost in the long difficult march. Other organizations made equally praiseworthy retreats, and especially the rearwards of all the armies, who performed their difficult tasks steadily and resolutely.

There is much to be said also in excuse for the panic-stricken condition of

lines northward and the concentration which their superiority in numbers enabled them to effect against the northern and northwestern fronts, rendered advisable a contraction of the Russian lines, and withdrawal from the Shakhe river to positions to the Hun river was determined upon. This was in no sense the beginning of the general retreat and Kuropatkin and the generals commanding the armies were far from regarding the battle as lost.

The first army to retire from the fortified positions east and southeast of Mukden was the third army, which fell back to positions similarly fortified in advance on the north bank of the Hun river. The burning of abandoned stores, provisions and forage disclosed the Russian retirement, and the Japanese followed closely.

A Confusion of Orders
and retirement in impenetrable darkness across the country were responsible for the failure of some organizations to occupy the positions to which they had been assigned and a remarkable dust storm the following day made it impossible to verify the alignment and fill the breaches which the Japanese, however were lucky enough to find and skillful enough to turn to their advantage.

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Stake all on a Decisive Blow
collected the remainder of the strategic reserves, sending several other units and led them on personally on March 9 to the north front and threw them on the flank of the Japanese who were attacking Saintandre and endeavoring to cut the railway. The Japanese retired, abandoning a battery of eight guns.

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Where Is Kawamura?

Kuropatkin Leaves War Office In Darkness on Important Point.

Has Made No Report as to Number of Prisoners Taken by Japanese.

Blames Two Generals and Says Some of the Troops Were at Fault.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—(6:45 p. m.)—According to the information received by the war office the remnants of Gen. Kuropatkin's army have made good their retreat, and are in no immediate danger of a new turning movement north of Tio pass. The Japanese are reported to be completely exhausted by their long, hard fight, and are compelled to rest, to undertake the task of burying their dead and look after their wounded, prisoners and plunder.

The war office admits, however, that Kuropatkin has not furnished specific information as to the whereabouts of Kawamura

who has been reported to be northeast of Tio pass, or of the Japanese columns reported to be pushing north by forced marches, west of the railroad. Kuropatkin has also left the war office in the dark in regard to the number of prisoners captured by the Japanese, having made no detailed report about the separate units. Therefore the general staff is in no position to contradict the Tokio despatches detailing the Russian losses.

While Kuropatkin has assumed full responsibility for accepting a battle at Mukden, he has complained to the Emperor that his plans miscarried largely through the failures of two generals, whose names cannot be learned, to execute his orders.

He also throws blame on some of the troops which failed to respond properly at the critical moment.

The war council held at Tsarskoe-Selo today, at which War Minister Sakharoff, Gen. Dragomiroff and others were present, understood to have decided the question of continuing the war in the affirmative. Ways and means were discussed, but decision on some points, it is understood, was reserved. The question of

Kuropatkin's Successor
was also discussed, but the Emperor has not made a final decision. The names of Grand Duke Nicholas, Nikolai, Gen. Grippenberg and Gen. Grodekoff are mentioned, but the weight of the opinion of the czar's advisers now favors Gen. Sukhomlinoff, governor-general of Kiev, who formerly was Gen. Dragomiroff's aide-de-camp. The foreign office adopts a very firm attitude regarding the peace rumors, again categorically insisting today that Russia has the slightest intention of peace. There is nothing confirmatory of the reports to the effect that Japan intends to make a formal proposition to enter into

Peace Negotiations Within a Week
and they are received with great scepticism. An official of the foreign office with whom the correspondence of the Associated Press talked, expressed great doubt whether the Japanese could offer a basis for negotiations acceptable to Russia. Nevertheless, diplomatic circles believe that the ice once broken, the belligerents will find a way without intermediation to conclude peace. Until Field Marshal Oyama has exhausted his last effort to secure the fruits of his Mukden victory, Japan will not move, as naturally any proposal emanating from either side would be accompanied by an arrangement for an armistice.

DEAD BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE.
Woman Pronounced Dead by Two Physicians Revived by Saline Injection.

St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—After having been pronounced dead by two physicians and a nurse, Mrs. Chas. A. Sweet, wife of a provision merchant, has been revived by the injection of a salt solution into her veins, and is now believed to be recovering her health. Five weeks ago Mrs. Sweet, suffering from gastritis, went to Hot Springs, Ark., in the hope of recovery. On the night of Feb. 13 she seemed to be dying and eventually her heart ceased beating and respiration stopped. She was pronounced dead. A third physician, however, decided to try a salt solution infusion and there followed signs of animation. The operation was continued and Mrs. Sweet revived. She was returned to her home in St. Louis, and is now recovering her health.

CONSCIENCE MONEY GALORE.
Uncle Sam Receives \$12,000 From Repentant Sinner.

Washington, March 14.—The secretary of the treasury today received the following communication: "Dear sir,—I am sending you herewith enclosed \$12,000 which is to go to the use of the United States government. Years ago I defrauded the government of money and have returned it all and am paying fourfold in accordance with the teachings of the Scriptures. The way of transgressors is hard and no one but God knows how I have suffered for my sins and I would seek to do a bountiful restoration. May God pardon while the United States government is benefited." (Signed) "A SINNER."

The amount, which was in currency, has been deposited in the treasury to the credit of the conscience fund.

MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH.
Autopsy Physician Denies Theory of Natural Death.

Honolulu, March 14.—The Advertiser prints an interview with Dr. Wood, who performed the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Stanford. He says the presence of strychnine in the bottle of bicarbonate of soda refutes all of the theories of natural death. The strychnine was a foreign substance and it did not belong to the preparation of bicarbonate. Dr. Wood declares that the poison was thoroughly mixed with the bicarbonate of soda by some one who was familiar with the strength of and effect of strychnine, but he does not say the strychnine was placed in the bottle with murderous intent. Regarding the efforts to account for symptoms on the theory of natural death, he said that he can make the ante-mortem symptoms or most morbid signs apply to prove that death was due to many causes.

WITH OYAMA'S VICTORIOUS ARMY



the troops. They were largely composed of young undisciplined men and when drivers were mingled with the soldiers who for fifteen days were under constant fire, they crowded together in a mass from whence egress was impossible. It is one of the old facts of war that the morale of the beaten Russian army has been largely restored, while the Japanese, though the

Victims Apparently So Broken
and have incurred such heavy losses, that they are unable to press the advantage. Otherwise, it is inexplicable that the Japanese have not followed up their vigorous pursuit with an attack on Tio pass when they have taken the city almost without a struggle. It is now too late for an easy victory.

The struggle for the possession of Mukden cost both sides close upon 200,000 men. The Russian loss of officers includes a large proportion of the regimental commanders and field officers.

All the newspaper correspondents, with the exception of three or four, have nowhere to live and nothing to eat. Hipped by defeat, many of the Russian officers are in a surly mood, and much grudgingly given information is colored with jealousy and the rampant spirit of cabal. However, it is possible now to give a

General View of the Battle
the connected story emanating out of the confusion incident to the evacuation of Mukden and the forced retreat to Tio pass.

On Feb. 24 all was ready for an attack on the westward; various notions of the army had been disposed for an advance on the right flank. Suddenly, on the evening of that day, the order to advance was cancelled, and a second order was given for the transfer of Gen. Renenkaupff's First Siberian corps and several other organizations to the left flank, which was being pressed heavily by a large force of Japanese. From that time forward, the Japanese, who

were well informed as to all the Russian movements began heavy attacks along the whole front.

The Russians generally held their ground doing well until Feb. 28, when an unexpected attack developed in the southwest, before which the Russian right, weakened by the withdrawal of almost two corps, yielded. By March 1 it became evident that the Japanese were moving around the Russian right in five heavy columns, and it became imperative to withdraw the thin line from the southwest and form a new line from the bridge across the Shakhe river, parallel with the railway. The change of front was accomplished with remarkable celerity, but the various organizations became badly mixed.

The Russians, on March 4, occupied their former positions on the Shakhe river as far as the bridge, thence to Madyapu on the Hun river, and thence parallel with the railway six miles distant, the right resting on the Sianmintz road. The Japanese on March 5 began to turn even this position with a view to

Cutting Off the Retreat
of the Russian right, which was extended eastward from the Sianmintz road to the railway.

On March 7 both sides began most vigorous offensive operations, the Japanese attacking with especial energy the forces of Gen. Tserpitky, which were holding the position from Madyapu as far as the heights east of Mukden station, while the Russians under Gen. Gerngross, assumed an attack in the direction of Tatchekiao, and on the northern front Gen. Lammitz's command beat back all attacks. On the whole the outcome of the fighting on March 7 was favorable to the Russians, who repulsed several attacks on their southern front and assumed the offensive on the left, where Gen. Linvitch's army, occupying eastern hill positions, repulsed numerous attacks and

Took Several Hundred Prisoners
and several machine guns. The continued extension, however, of the Japanese

Kyatonan on the instep of the shoe. This position was held by only four companies, which retired before Japanese cavalry and four mountain guns. With the entire Russian strategic reserves already engaged, it became impossible to meet the Russian line of communication, and immediate and critical action was required to reach the railroad.

Order to Retreat to Tio Pass
was given. Through the narrow bottleneck passage, scarcely five miles long, a densely packed mass of transports pressed northward, coming under the fire of the Japanese infantry and four mountain guns, which earlier had darted across the Russian line of communication and concealed themselves in the mountains.

Gen. Tserpitky began an orderly retirement from the boot toe, and during March 10 Kuropatkin successfully held at bay the Japanese who were trying to reach the railroad.

The night of March 9 came the order to evacuate Mukden station and city with directions that the movement of trains northward must be completed by 5 a. m. The enormous task was completed in nine hours, including the hasty embarkation of the wounded, who crowded the station platform and occupied the hospital house. Many had already left in the morning. Then the private trains of Kuropatkin, Kaulbars, Sakharoff, Blanderling and Zabelin departed, but thousands remained. At 9:40 p. m. eight trains were despatched and a mail sent to Tio pass for 13 locomotives. At 3 a. m. the second string was started northward and at 9:45 a. m. the last train of the third string of 16 departed.

Trainloads of Supplies
All the trains had from 52 to 55 cars. Three trains contained the ammunition of the artillery despatched the evening before in 540 cars; another train carried warm clothing; one was coal laden, one loaded with Red Cross supplies, one with engineers' depot supplies, three with commissariat freights and the rest

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French Bankers Refuse A Loan

Government Said to Have Warned
Financiers Against
Russia.

Japan Will Probably Ask Five
Hundred Millions as
Indemnity.

London, March 15.—The Daily Mail declares that the French government has given Parisian banking houses clearly to understand that they must not conclude the proposed Russian loan unless Russia is prepared to negotiate for peace.

The revolt of the French bankers is considered by the London newspapers as the most hopeful and important news of the day, promising an early conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan. Apparently the proposed loan has not been absolutely refused, but only "postponed."

This, however, is regarded here as being tantamount to a refusal and is expected to speak louder to the Russian war party even than Gen. Kuropatkin's reverse at Mukden.

It is the general belief that by the death of M. Germain, the late governor of the Credit Lyonnais, Russia lost her strongest financial friend in France, and that had he been alive no difficulty would have been experienced. With the English and American markets closed to her, it is thought that Russia can only turn to Germany, who is not likely to

be much more responsive than France, and the only alternative would seem to be to make peace.

Reports are current here that Japan will now demand an indemnity of between \$500,000,000 and \$750,000,000.

GLD MAN'S MISERABLE END.
Found Standing Near Straw Stack
Frozen Stiff.

Syracuse, March 14.—An unknown man about 80 years old was found dead in a standing position near a strawstack on a farm near Syracuse today. The body was frozen stiff and the feet were so imbedded in the frosty ground that the body had to be chopped out. The old man held a cane in his hand.

RUSSIAN LOAN POSTPONED.
Parisian Bankers State That Issue
Has Been Deferred.

Paris, March 14.—Inquiry today at three banks principally interested in the proposed new Russian loan brought the response that it had been ordered to postpone the issue. A representative of one of the banks said the postponement was for such an indefinite period that it was likely the issuance would not occur for some time to come. The postponement was attributed to the uncertainties of the war situation.

The Temps says: "It was quite natural that the Paris bankers should refuse to sign a contract, in view of the conditions in Manchuria, and the entire ignorance of the financiers concerning the real intentions of the Russian government."

The paper declares the postponement will continue until Russia's intention becomes clear.

The Journal Desbats, in its financial article, says: "Many people consider the postponement as evidence that Russia has reached the end of her resources."

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Artillery and Engineers Will Be Retained For a While—News of Ottawa.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 14.—Sir F. Borden stated tonight that it was proposed to increase the permanent force from 2,000 to 4,000 for the purpose of garrisoning Halifax and Esquimaux. While the present act provides for a minimum of 2,000 for the permanent corps, the actual number enlisted was 1,200. Halifax garrison consists of 1,800, of which 1,000 were infantry and 800 artillery and engineers. It is proposed to retain the latter for the present, but new infantry corps can be organized as soon as possible. For this purpose the intention is to bring out a number of reservists, provided the imperial government consents. The garrison at Esquimaux consists of between 400 and 500 men. Canadians who may be stationed in the two garrisons will be paid the Canadian rate of pay. Engineers and others who are temporarily retained will continue to be paid at the imperial rate, but the money will, of course, come out of the Canadian treasury.

Episode in the House.
There was a dramatic episode in the House just before 6 o'clock when the marine estimates were under discussion. Mr. Foster had been heckling Hon. Mr. Prefontaine over items in his office contingencies for new books, etc., to which the minister replied that it was the practice when a minister was transferred from one department to another to take all his books of reference with him, and that when he came into possession of the marine portfolio he found only empty shelves, hence the purchase of new books. This led Mr. Foster to remark that he would not dispute the statement now, but if a bill came in from the successor to Mr. Sifton he would take occasion to deal with the alleged practice in straightforward terms. Mr. Sifton, who was sitting in the ministerial benches, jumped to his feet and advancing across the floor to the middle of the clerk's table, asked Mr. Foster what charge he had made against him. Mr. Sifton, being hard of hearing, had recently misinterpreted Mr. Foster's remark, but when Mr. Foster replied in the most courteous tones that he had based his statement on Mr. Prefontaine's version of the alleged practice of carrying off spoils, and that he would not believe, on one department's word, that Mr. Sifton could be guilty of any such thing. The ex-minister of the interior instantly caught the point and, bowing and smiling with earnestly expressed thanks, returned to his seat, realizing that he had only caught half of the story at the outset. Mr. Foster then went on with his argument as if nothing had happened.

Deputations and Surveys.
The Governor-General received two deputations this afternoon, one from the St. Jean Baptiste Society, the other from the Literary and Scientific Association. Both organizations presented addresses of a loyal and patriotic character.

Several petitions were presented urging parliament to provide in the autonomy bills for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic in the new provinces.

Mr. McConnell, of the geological survey, will operate in the Alsek country this summer. The department is sending out two parties immediately under Messrs. Campbell and Klein to work all summer in the Yukon. They will go in over the ice, so as to make an early start.

Sir William Mulock gives notice of the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the proposed system of various public telephone systems in operation in Canada and elsewhere as the committee shall determine and to consider and report what changes, if any, are advisable in respect of the methods of providing for the carrying of telephone service to the public. Ralph Smith was one of the members named.

Inspector of Banks.
Mr. Borden drew attention to the recent bank failure in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and asked whether the government was considering the propriety of amending the banking act with a view to establishing a system of government inspection of banks. Mr. Wilfrid Laurier said he positively could not give an answer. He would consult with the minister of finance. The matter, he added, had been discussed more than once, but the feeling had been that nothing should be done. He felt in depression that nothing would be done now.

MOBILIZATION DIFFICULTIES
Russian Authorities Will Have Trouble to Raise New Army.

London, March 15.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Daily Telegraph predicts that the Russian authorities will have to battle with an angry sea of troubles in connection with the mobilization of a new army. The correspondent relates as an example that a few days ago an attempt to mobilize Cossacks in the Kuban district of the Caucasus met with flat disobedience and that the employment of force led to serious bloodshed.

KILLED BY EXPRESS TRAIN.

Two Men Step in Front of Passing Train Near Syracuse.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 14.—The Empire State express, westbound, killed two men at Dewitt, five miles from this city, today. They had stepped from an accommodation train to cross to the station and walked in front of the express. They were instantly killed. A man seen in company with the dead men on the train was arrested. The dead men were later identified as Brockton Pisan, of Kingston, Ont., and H. W. Smith, home not known. The man detained by the police is Arthur Stewart of Syracuse.

CONSPIRACY AT SEOUL. Discovery of Attempt to Force Emperor to Break With Japan.

London, March 15.—The Times' correspondent at Tokyo reports that a conspiracy has been discovered at Seoul to induce the Emperor of Korea to repudiate the Japanese convention and seek refuge in a foreign legation. The conspirators, it is added, have been arrested.

KUROPATKIN OUT.
Resignation Has Been Accepted and Grand Duke Succeeds.

Paris, March 15.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Petit Parisien says that General Kuropatkin's resignation has been accepted and that Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch has consented to take chief command in Manchuria.

CAPTIVES RETURNING HOME.
Foreign Attachés Taken at Mukden Start for Japan.

Tokio, March 15.—The British attaché, Captain C. J. Alres, and the American attaché, Captain J. V. Judson and Colonel V. Howard, who were with the Russian army and who were captured at the battle of Mukden, left Liaoyang for Japan today.

MRS. CHADWICK'S TRIAL.

Cleveland, O., March 14.—The attorneys for Mrs. Chadwick filed a motion for a new trial today on the grounds of errors in admitting incompetent testimony, excluding competent testimony and errors of law in the trial. Judge Taylor will probably set the time for the hearing of arguments on the motion tomorrow, and it is said that the arguments will be made Thursday.

THE STORM AT LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 14.—Today dawned stormy and cool here, and it is apparent that the great storm that has raged almost incessantly along the southern coast for the past forty-eight hours is over. One life was lost as a result of the storm, a laborer having been drowned near Cajon pass.

The total damage is conservatively estimated at over half a million dollars.

EQUITABLE LIFE EMBROGLIO.

New York, March 14.—The special committee of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, consisting of James W. Alexander, Cornelius T. Snyder and Maceo Tardell, unanimously resolved at a meeting held here today to recommend to the board of directors that the charter of the society be at once amended so as to confer upon the policy-holders the right to elect a majority of the board of directors, namely, twenty-eight out of fifty-two. A meeting of the board of directors has been called for next Tuesday, when the committee will submit to the board the amended charter as prepared by counsel.

Local News.

Royal Templars.—An open meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Tway on Fort Street. The members of the order attending report a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

A Social Evening.—The Thursday Evening Club have been requested to turn tomorrow evening's meeting into a social, serving light refreshments. The club dues will be the same as usual, but ladies attending are asked to kindly donate cake or sandwiches. Miss Thain, Mr. Tawatt and Mr. S. Talbot will supply a splendid programme of music.

I. O. G. T. Reunion.—Last evening Temperance hall was the scene of its last union meeting of I. O. G. T. lodges. Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., having sold the old hall, the scene of so many temperance meetings, held a meeting and banquet of members and neighboring lodges. In routine work the visiting lodges provided a very interesting "good of the order" programme, after which the company of about fifty gathered round the hospitable board. The "greeting tables" relieved, G. P. C. T. Lewis Hall presiding, called for toasts. G. C. T. Bro. J. N. Evans, M. P. P., in a neat speech proposed the health of Perseverance Lodge. Sister Mrs. Hall, in response, gave a brief but thorough outline of temperance work in the city. Bro. J. G. Brown, by request, sang "Memories." Bro. Mortimer, C. T., of Perseverance, proposed "Sister Lodges," responded to by Bro. King, of Hill, Bro. Poulis, of Triumph, and Bro. Andrews, of Victoria West. Bro. H. King proposed "Our Sisters" to which Mrs. Jenkins, Miss King and Mrs. Lewis neatly replied. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" closed the evening.

WHAT IT IS.
The Mucous Membrane and the Important Part It Plays in the Health or Sickness of the Body.

The Mucous Membrane is the inside lining of the body, and of all its vessels and organs. The moment this mucous membrane becomes out of condition, ever so little illness follows swiftly, in some form or other. In ninety-nine cases of a hundred disease has its beginning in some derangement of this mucous membrane. It is very delicate and extremely sensitive and consequently very liable to disease.

If you are not feeling well, you may be sure that the mucous membrane of some organ is sick and requires immediate treatment. There is one medicine that is intended to act, and does act, directly and curatively on the mucous membrane. It is Dr. Leonard's Anti-Pill. Dyspepsia, biliousness and constipation disappear as soon as Dr. Leonard's Anti-Pill has restored the mucous membrane to its natural healthy condition. Fifty cents a bottle at all druggists, or the Wilson-Fyle Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont., sole agents for Canada.

Still Waiting For The Blow to Fall

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mainder with wounded. The last train out was the service train with all the employees of the railroad, property and station papers. This party saved thousands of wounded soldiers and an immense amount of ammunition and millions of dollars' worth of property and cash. It must be remembered that five miles north of Mukden an unceasing fight was in progress. Trains earlier had been bombarded with shrapnel shells and the railroad was twice damaged. The trains traveled unlighted and without whistling under eight minute headway. All about

blazed, burning straw, coal, wood, corn and biscuit. Occasionally boxes of cartridges exploded or rockets burst. Over 2,600 carloads of corn and biscuits and over 322,000 cubic feet of coal, straw and lumber were destroyed. The wounded crowded the station, filled every vacant place in the cars, and the brakemen, buffers and roofs were occupied while others were hanging to the steps.

The last train pulled out as Gen. Tseritzky's troops began to pass, before the explosion which wrecked the Hui river bridge. There remained eight telegraphers who had volunteered to stay at their keys until the Japanese arrived. In the hospitals of the Livonian division of the Red Cross and medical staff were 1,050 severely wounded, including 364 Japanese, the Chinese governor of Mukden giving his word to defend them until Mukden was occupied by the Japanese.

Of the military railroad, all but 125 miles was abandoned and the wagonettes destroyed. Severely damaged was a large quantity of ammunition. The trains were heavily bombarded with shrapnel shells, but most important of all, from a material point of view is the loss of the Fushun coal mines, which supplied the road with coal. The trains were heavily bombarded with shrapnel shells, but most important of all, from a material point of view is the loss of the Fushun coal mines, which supplied the road with coal. The trains were heavily bombarded with shrapnel shells, but most important of all, from a material point of view is the loss of the Fushun coal mines, which supplied the road with coal.

Panic in the Column
Just before dusk another panic occurred at Santai, where many cars had halted for the night. A column of Russians advancing was taken for Japanese, and the cry of "Japanese cavalry" was raised. The unarmed drivers commenced to flee, while those with rifles fired. The cooler heads among the panic-stricken mass, but many lives were lost and additional property was sacrificed. The retirement of the western and central armies was effected by four roads, and also over the fields between. The army of Gen. Linch followed the eastern roads from Fushun, Lianpan and Pu pass. The third army retired in echelon, leaving a strong rearguard.

Tie Pass Safely Reached
The Japanese at nightfall occupied half of Santai, burst at daybreak into the park of the imperial tombs and opened a heavy rifle fire. The Russians, however, refrained from opening fire. The Japanese bent their efforts to thrust in from the flanks and cut off portions of the army. Several divisions acting as the rearguard, under Gen. Leonie, were almost surrounded, but broke through. The rearguard on the night of March 10 held the heights at Suchita, and on March 11 and 12 fell slowly back to Tie pass.

Now, two days later, Tie pass is a great organized military camp, which troops assembled are calm and have got themselves into order. The men, forgetting their recent hunger, sleeplessness, weariness and fear of death, sit around the camp fires and are ready to defend the position, and even offered to go out and attack the Japanese.

Check a Cough or "Slight Cold" in its first stages. In the beginning it will yield to a mild remedy. Brown's Bronchial Troches are useful when Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Influenza, Hoarseness and Sore Throats are prevalent, giving almost immediate relief. Sold only in boxes.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

DIED.

GREEN.—On Sunday, March 12, at the family residence, Stanley avenue, Theophilus Turner Green, oldest daughter of I. S. J. Rainer, Ipswich, England, and widow of the late A. A. Green; aged 64 years.

The funeral will take place at 11 a. m. on Thursday, March 16, from the residence as above, and the Reformed Episcopal church at 11:30 o'clock.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

MARCOTTE.—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 12th inst., of appendicitis, Joseph Charles, youngest son of M. Marcotte, of South Saanich; aged 24 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday, March 17, at 10 a. m., from the family residence, South Saanich, and a few minutes later from the Roman Catholic church there.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

BRAVERMAN.—On the 14th inst., at the family residence, 172 Yates street, Isidore Braverman, aged 75 years, and a native of Pleschen, Germany.

The funeral will take place today at 2:30 p. m., from the residence as above.

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The Local Halibut Company.—Mr. L. S. Eaton, who has recently been in Seattle to purchase supplies unobtainable in this province for the British Pacific Fishing Company, returned from the Sound last evening. He informed the Colonist that there is an opportunity to dispose of considerable of the company's stock in Seattle and Tacoma. Some of the directors of the company are opposed to the stock passing into the hands of Americans, so the sale will not be completed for the present. Mr. Eaton says that there has been a fair demand for the shares in Victoria and other parts of the province, and it is hoped the company will not be compelled to dispose of stock on the other side of the line. The advantages which would be enjoyed by a Canadian company engaged in fishing in our own waters and protected by Canadian laws should not be overlooked by British Columbia investors. Offers have already been made to the local halibut company by Eastern wholesale dealers who wish to contract for the entire output at satisfactory prices. The success of this pioneer halibut company will mark the starting point of another industry which may in time become as important as salmon canning.

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Perhaps it is your favorite WINE or LIQUEUR you wish to buy. Maybe it's a bottle of SCOTCH or IRISH WHISKY. In any case you are sure to find something in our line from the cheapest that's good to the best there is. If you need any of the following, now's the time to buy!

Native Port, per bottle 35c.
Native Port, per gallon \$1.50
Claret, per bottle 15c.
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Strange Tale of an Armed Sealer told at Golden Gate—Aorangi due.

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SCHEDULE ARRANGED.

Transportation Companies Fix Rates to the North.

Rates to be charged for freight between Seattle, Dawson and Fairbanks the coming season have been practically decided upon by the transportation companies. There may be a few minor changes in the schedule contemplated at present, so far as classification is concerned, but aside from this the rates to be charged to Dawson will be the same as last year. There may, however, be a slight increase in the rates on hay and oats during the commodity period, which is from July 1 to August 15.

To Chena the rates, as they now stand, are fixed for three classifications, "A," "B," and "C." For classification "A" the rate will be \$30 a ton in carload lots, and \$100 a ton for less quantities; for classification "B," \$110 a ton in carload lots, and \$125 for less, and for classification "C," \$120 a ton in carload lots, and \$135 for less. For Fairbanks there will be a \$5 a ton advance over these rates. The changes in this schedule, if any are made, will be of a minor nature, and there may be some special commodity rates made for announcement later.

It is the intention of the transportation companies to operate a weekly, and, if business demands, a more frequent service from Dawson to Fairbanks, and all freight for that town will be shipped through from Puget Sound ports on a through bill of lading. This is the first season that through rates to the Tanana country have been announced. The passenger rates have already been announced, being practically the same as last year, with the exception of those to Fairbanks, which will be \$25 less first class, and \$30 less second class.

Year's Work For Little Orphans

Reports Presented at Annual Meeting of B. C. Protestant Orphanage.

Affairs of Institution in Admirable Condition—New Managing Board.

There were about thirty or thirty-five subscribers present at the annual meeting of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home, held yesterday afternoon at the city hall, Mr. Charles Hayward, the president, in the chair. Right Rev. Bishop Cridge opened the proceedings with prayer, and after the disposal of business, the following communication was received:

Western Fuel Co., 318 California street, San Francisco, March 10, 1905.

E. Crow Baker, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your favor of the 7th inst., and have written Mr. Thomas R. Stockert, our manager at Nanaimo, to deliver you 25 tons coal for the year 1905, and you will communicate with me personally each year regarding this matter as long as I am connected with the Western Fuel Co. Yours very truly,

(Signed) JAMES B. SMITH, Vice-President.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Western Fuel Co. for their handsome donation.

The report of the president was then received and adopted as follows:

The President.

Ladies and Gentlemen—On this, the 32nd anniversary of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home, it is pleasing to note that we are still actively engaged in our benevolent work—still providing for the orphan and desolate children of the province, some of the comforts and necessities of home life, and still doing what we can to help them to become self-sufficient in the serious duties of life. And it is gratifying to know that our efforts in this direction have not been in vain, and are being appreciated.

There is another important but unobtrusive feature of our work, that of providing foster homes, that has been productive of happy results. It has demonstrated that this method of dealing with neglected and destitute children, and especially the very young ones, is highly appreciated.

Many appeals received from really worthy persons for the adoption of this class of young children could not be granted, as the demand exceeded the supply. Our efforts referred to in our report to induce the civil authorities to extend the public sewer to Cook street not being successful, it was determined to at once erect a sewer on the site of the old drains and to connect them with a septic tank, built on our own premises to modern approved plans. The work was completed at a cost of about \$424, under the supervision of Mr. Thos. Hooper, architect, who kindly donated his services.

The result is quite satisfactory, and it is not assumed that from a sanitary point of view a home is a perfect safe. The improvements to our heating system, so long and urgently needed, have also been completed during the year. A new No. 10 boiler hot water heater has been installed, and various alterations made to the pipes and radiators, at a cost of about \$500. It is gratifying to know that the efficient service during the year has been maintained, and that the children are comfortable and contented.

The financial statement (kindly audited by Mr. A. B. Fraser, Esq.), to be submitted to the annual meeting, shows a balance of \$1,407.57, due to a great extent to the careful supervision of the funds and the energetic efforts of our honorary treasurer, Mr. E. Crow Baker.

It is necessary to observe, however, that the somewhat large balance of cash in hand is accounted for by the fact that just prior to the receipt of the statement, and subscriptions are rounded up and are to carry us through the year.

It is hoped, however, that after providing for the absolutely necessary outgoings for food and maintenance, there will be some funds available for the completion of the internal improvements and furnishings of the home, which will make it as comfortable and homelike as it was originally intended to be.

An adjournment of this meeting until the 10th inst. was made, on account of the death of Mrs. G. A. Sargison.

The deceased lady was one of the founders of the home, having been instrumental in its establishment in 1873 in framing our present constitution and for nearly thirty years thereafter an active and highly appreciated member of the ladies' committee, until failing health compelled her to retire.

We extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy and condolence.

There are some encouraging indications that we can not only continue the present work, but may safely enlarge the sphere of our usefulness as opportunity offers. Our present staff of managers and their successors are to be commended for the ready, generous response to any further appeals for assistance it may be necessary to make, and for the aid of the incoming managers in dispensing their charity with a liberal hand.

In conclusion, we desire to place on record our hearty appreciation of the assistance rendered by the ladies' committee, on whom nearly the whole of the quiet, unostentatious working of the home falls, and to whose efficient and satisfactory conduct of affairs is largely due.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers,

CHAS. HAYWARD, President.

March 14, 1905.

The report from the ladies' committee was also received and adopted, it reading as hereunder:

Ladies' Committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen—Your committee find it a matter of considerable difficulty to present a report new and interesting from year to year, as the work is very similar in kind to what we have been formerly doing. Neither would it be altogether fair to say we were going to turn over a new leaf and do more practical work, for that has always been our aim, and we have endeavored to do so. In our efforts for 1905, the happiness of knowing that we have done something really substantial, to last the year through, with a feeling of responsibility in our work of child-training and character-building, and offer for your consideration our seventh annual report of this growing movement, the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home.

It is an enterprise that makes small show, little stir, among the many absorbing interests of the day, and attracts but a small number of earnest, thoughtful people to its steady support, but in the estimation of the ladies' committee is the soil sown rich with the seed of the future, to see the veritable miracle of the child, in its various relations, is the pride of the hour, to those who perceive the awful possibilities of the unfolding nature of childhood. "Only a child" is thoughtlessly said; only a man or woman, a criminal or benefactor of the future, is the real truth.

The committee do not, from their experience, contend that the whole problem is in proper surroundings; that there is everything in the pasturage and nothing in the stock, but it does know—for a certainty—that the removal to new and stimulating surroundings, the placing of a child in the most unpromising material, is one instance of greatest satisfaction, to workers among neglected and unfortunate little ones, to see the veritable miracle of the child, in its various relations, is the pride of the hour, to those who perceive the awful possibilities of the unfolding nature of childhood. "Only a child" is thoughtlessly said; only a man or woman, a criminal or benefactor of the future, is the real truth.

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COMPLIMENTS EXCHANGED.

Messrs. Houston and Bowser Cross Fire in Municipal Committee.

There was a session of the municipal committee of the legislature last evening which is destined to be remembered for its tropical local color and fervid atmosphere for some time to come, even in a country of western directness of method and expression. It does not so much interest what happened in the ordinary course of the committee procedure until Mr. John Houston, the mayor of and member for the city of Victoria, proposed an amendment to the Municipal Clauses Act, having for its purpose the alteration of the appointive control of police and licensing boards of commissioners in the cities of British Columbia. At the present time, for all the doubtless aware, the mayor of the interested community is ex officio a member of these boards, which consist of three members. One of the other two is a direct appointee of the government, and the third is a rule made by the council of the city.

Mr. Houston desired to amend the law in this regard, removing from the Mayor-Governor-in-Council the appointment of the commissioner who now is nominated by the council, and giving the council the appointive power in the matter. He said that he had been told that Mr. Houston, when he contested Nelson for the mayoralty a few months since, ran upon a platform which predated several dismissals in the police department and the cancellation of a number of licenses in the town. He, of course, is a member of both commissions, but his colleagues do not see eye to eye with him, and he, therefore, is impatient to perform the things he contemplated when he looked upon his neck the chain of official honor.

Mr. Bowser, of Vancouver, vigorously opposed the change, and intimated that it, like all the other political actions of the proposer, was dictated by personal interest in the premises.

And it was this line of comment which was taken by Mr. Houston for his cue. He said several things about the government, the premier, and the member for Ymir which would not look well as transcribed for Hansard, and which in old Kentucky would go far toward increasing the mortality rate.

Eventually the committee accepted the Nelson mayor's suggestion, and the proposal for the amendment of the act will go to the House with the recommendation of the municipal committee.

It would take a greater prophet than has yet arisen to say what will happen to it then.

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THE HUDSON BAY ROUTE.

The proposal to build a railway to Hudson Bay still keeps to the front, and has now more likelihood of becoming an accomplished fact than ever before. Mr. Dan Mann, the well-known railway contractor, talking to a reporter in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, the other day, spoke highly, we are informed, of the advantages of the route and of its perfect feasibility. The charter granted many years ago—in 1882—recently passed into the hands of the Canadian Northern. Three hundred miles have already been constructed and there remains 500 more to be completed before reaching Fort Churchill, which would be the ocean port open, Mr. Mann says, for five months in the year. In regard to its construction, he says it is one of the easiest grades in America. Winnipeg is about 750 feet above the sea, so that there is an easy down grade all the way. Mr. Mann states that the route will be of great advantage to the wheat growers in the Saskatchewan Valley. In explaining this he remarked: "The wheat country commences about 400 miles from Lake Superior and extends away beyond Edmonton. The wheat country in the new province of Saskatchewan begins about 500 miles from Hudson Bay. The distance, then, from about Carberry on the Canadian Pacific to Port Arthur would be the same as that of the Saskatchewan wheat district from Hudson Bay. This would mean a saving of rail-haul for the wheat of the Saskatchewan Valley, of about 500 miles.

"There would, of course, be the additional advantage of having an ocean port at Port Churchill, closer to Liverpool than is the harbor of New York. At the same time, however, I believe that a great deal of the wheat grown in Manitoba and the new provinces would still come by the Great Lakes route. That of the northwesterly portion would naturally go out to Hudson Bay, but a great deal would be shipped by the old established routes, mills and business being established coming this way."

When the subject is dealt with by so practical a man as Mr. Mann there can be little doubt of the feasibility of the project. The interest of British Columbia in it lies in the fact, mainly, that it will lessen the distance from this Coast to England tremendously and reduce the time of travel to between nine and ten days.

THE WAR SITUATION.

The situation has not changed materially during the past few days. General Kuropatkin has apparently made good his escape with the remnant of his army and is in no immediate danger. The Japanese are reported to be exhausted for the time being by their tremendous efforts and are resting. Russian losses are much greater than was even anticipated, and the outlook for peace negotiations going on are much more favorable as a consequence, although it is persistently announced from St. Petersburg that the struggle will continue.

People are just beginning to realize the magnitude of the war. Says the San Francisco Argonaut: "Of the three great battles of the Japanese-Russian war—the battle of Liao-yang, the battle of Shakhé River and the battle of Mukden—the last is the greatest. Not only is it the greatest battle in the present Titanic conflict between Slav and Japanese for the supremacy in Eastern Asia, but it is the greatest battle of modern times—perhaps of any time. The mind balks at forming any real conception of the multitudes engaged in the bloody conflict, or of the extent, scope and complexity of the military operations. If every adult male in the States of the United States which touch the Pacific were assembled on the level floor of our valley of the San Joaquin, their number would yet fall short of those at war in the valley of the Hun. Slav and Japanese all told there are nearly a million men, who for ten days now have swayed back and forth in the grip of battle."

In point of numbers and loss our war with South Africa was a mere bagatelle, although in point of physical obstacles and vast extent of country to cover, our difficulties were much greater in proportion than those of either contending parties in Manchuria. The South African was a teasing war and unlike in conditions anything in modern times. The present Japanese-Russian war is a conflict with the most modern and perfected facilities for destruction brought to bear. Both sides have done wonders. "As we read the accounts of the siege of Port Arthur," says the Argonaut, "of the marvelous inventiveness of the Japanese officers; of their methodical patience in the face of the imminent peril of death; of the accomplishment of vast engineering feats in the transport of enormous guns up steep and difficult slopes; of the construction of complex engines of war even on the very field of battle; of the use with unparalleled efficiency of the most complex of Western scientific apparatus—the hyposcope, telegraph, telephone, wireless; and finally of that strange scientific fanaticism which impelled company after company of soldiers to

March upon certain death—when we read of these things, we must recognize that it is true, as the experts declare, that Port Arthur would have been impregnable to the besiegers of any nation save the Japanese."

Experts say: "There is no nation in existence whose soldiers would encounter the victors of Port Arthur in equal numbers with any certainty of victory. Man for man, soldier for soldier, officer for officer, it is probable that armies of Germans, of Frenchmen, of Britons—yes, of Americans also—would go down in defeat before the Japanese. It is a tremendous fact that the Manchurian war has revealed to us, and it is not, also a little sinister? Are we yet awake to the subtle change that has come over the face of the world in the year that is just ended?"

It is the fashion to sneer at the incapacity of the Slav, but it is doubtful if other European nations would have succeeded where the Russians have failed. They might have done better, but they might not have succeeded. Probably no other nation could have put so large an army in the field so far away from the centre of government and maintained it so well. That has been the greatest task of the Russians during the war. Kuropatkin now fully realizes that the great advantage the Japs have is the facility with which they can reinforce themselves with fresh troops and supplies.

The Argonaut, in considering the new situation created, strikes a note of anxiety, as follows: "It is no light thing, we repeat, that a brown race has revealed itself, man for man, stronger than any white nation; that it has taken our best inventions and bettered them; that it has learned of our wisest surgeons and excelled them; that it is patient where we are vacillating and forgetful; that it is prolific where we are slow of reproduction; and that it is economical of energy where we are wasteful and profligate. It is no light thing, and sooner or later we shall realize it well."

SEPARATE SCHOOL QUESTION.

It is significant that the English Liberal papers throughout Canada that are not actively opposing the separate school clauses in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's North-west bill, are at least giving them no active support. It is significant, too, that the Halifax Chronicle, which is regarded more or less as a personal organ of Mr. Fielding, the Finance Minister, is taking a position clearly in opposition to the measure in this one important respect. In a long article, dealing purely with the legal aspects of the case, after quoting the clauses in the British North America Act and in the Provincial Autonomy Bill, asks a series of questions to which more extended reference will be made in a subsequent issue, and concludes as follows, indicating in no uncertain way the stand it is prepared to take:

"We have, it need scarcely be said, made the foregoing quotations and asked the foregoing questions in no factious or hostile spirit, and without any desire to be unduly critical. But it seems to us that they are worthy of the most unprejudiced consideration, founded upon the most searching enquiry. It is bad enough to have the country thrown, even temporarily, into such an unfortunate turmoil as at present exists without any danger of continuing it therein indefinitely by means of legislation of doubtful constitutionality which might ultimately result in the gravest public evils and dangers."

"The first question of all to be determined, it seems to us, as we have already intimated, is as to the constitutional power of the Dominion Parliament to enforce the proposed legislation with reference to the new Provinces. The next, and much more easily determined one, is as to the present expediency of such legislation, supposing it to be found perfectly constitutional."

Moreover, in a subsequent issue, it gives warning to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the following plain language:

"With such a Provincial leader (Fielding) and such representative followers, Nova Scotians may rest well assured that this Province will never be placed in any false or weak position with reference to the separate school question, which may arise, but that it will constantly be kept on the side of justice, that is to say, in support of sound Liberalism and the Constitution."

LIGHT RAILWAYS.

When so many railway projects are under consideration and so much seems to hang upon a railway policy, we would call attention to the advantages of light railways in developing the Province. It is practically certain that nearly all the local wants of the valleys of British Columbia and those of many of the mining or mountainous sections can be successfully supplied by some one form or other of light railways, which cost from one-fourth to one-sixth of the standard double lines of railway to build and operate. To-day the Okanagan valleys would be far better supplied by some such system than they would by the Shuswap and Okanagan, and for the very simple reason that a standard line of railway costs so much to operate that there is not sufficient local traffic to make it pay and operate frequently. Take Cariboo as another instance. The local traffic, owing to the peculiar conditions of the district, would not be sufficient to make a standard line of railway pay for many years to come. Nevertheless, the lack of cheaper transportation has been the greatest drawback to the development of this, the oldest and one of the best known, section of British Columbia. If a railway could be built to Cariboo for say \$5,000 a mile, which we have every reason to believe it could be, and be sufficient to carry at least five times the present traffic, it would be an inestimable boon to Cariboo and Lillooet, and at the same time would be easily within the power of the Province to assist. There are many other parts of the Province that could be similarly served and in time there would be a network of these lines not only amply supplying local wants of communication but forming important feeders to main lines of railways. Systems of light railways in British Columbia and the Northwest would be of immense advantage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Sir,—The position you have taken on the question of provincial aid to the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme is eminently sound, and it is great to be able to express your opinion on that subject which will so impress themselves upon the minds of the members of the McBride government, that the action of that government, and the course it will deal with the question, will be in accord with the stand you have taken. Not one substantial reason has yet been given to show why the Dominion should add to the enormous subsidies already granted to this project by the Ottawa authorities. As one of the provinces of the Dominion, British Columbia, must accept its proportionate part of this aid. That is all that the province ought, in all justice and fairness, to be expected to do. The promoters of this scheme receive from the Dominion everything they asked for, and they were not at all modest as to their demands. For the \$150,000,000, or thereabouts, money and credit belonging to the people of Canada, which their contract gives them, they have agreed to complete this entire line. We have the written assurance of the chief promoter of the scheme that work will be begun at this end of the line under conditions that will meet the wishes of the people of this province. We have six Liberal members at Ottawa, and there for the express purpose of seeing that this promise is carried out. If it is not carried out then upon the government at Ottawa, and upon the six Liberal members at Ottawa, who avow the interests of this province to be sacrificed, be the consequences. There are no reasons, political or otherwise, why the McBride government should come to the help of these gentlemen. It is the duty of the Ottawa government to see that this province gets the liberal treatment from this corporation. It is the duty of these six gentlemen to do likewise. That is what they are there for. If either or both fail in this duty, the people of this province will know just who to hold responsible for that failure. It certainly will not be the McBride government. Besides, the McBride government has no money to give away to this corporation, and it ought not to give one acre of land either. That belongs to the people of this province—and the people and no government has a moral right to give away large areas of it without first being authorized to do so. There have been too much of that sort of thing in the past.

If, as we sometimes hear it stated, the Socialist supporters of the government are opposed to any such land grant, then all honor to the Socialist members of the legislature. In that matter they are conscientiously standing by those principles which they believe to be sound. And which many of us who are not Socialists, believe to be sound. They are not looking for an office from the Dominion government, or a job from the Grand Trunk Pacific people. In that respect they probably differ from some of those who have been filling a good deal of newspaper space of late with special pleadings in the interests of that greedy combination of exploiters. Not one dollar more of money and not one acre of land should be given them. They have been given far too much already.

RAILWAYS.

Sir,—After following closely the many letters published in the Colonist on the railway question, one is led to ask: Are the correspondents sincere?

To review the letters from a disinterested observer's standpoint would occupy too much space, a reference to the letter in Sunday's Colonist by "British Columbian," will suffice. This letter, written in the interest of the province, is completely spoiled by championing the interests of McLean Bros. "Straws show which way the wind blows." In all the letters written on this question, as one would suppose, for the enlightenment of the public, no attempt has been made to show what it means to the province either to subsidize the roads seeking aid in lands, bonds or cash. The question may be answered by approximately figures near enough to accuracy to show the true position. There are, we are informed, twenty-nine railway propositions seeking aid, ranging in extent from 1.8 mile, or an aggregate of 32,000 miles. Some of the proposed lines are seeking a cash subsidy of \$5,000 per mile, others ask for government bonds or a grant of interest, and others ask a land grant of from 15,000 to 20,000 acres per mile.

What it represents: To place all on the same footing and give the cash subsidy, will cost the province \$80,000,000. To guarantee the interest on the bonds at an estimate of \$30,000 per mile at say 3 per cent, would cost the province \$7,000,000 per annum. To give a land grant of 20,000 acres per mile would take 240,000,000 acres, or 10,000 square miles, or the whole province and quite a portion of the Pacific ocean thrown in. These figures may seem absurd but they are practically what Premier McBride has to grapple with, and to that goes the weight of the actual reality. What is to be done? Charity begins at home, therefore it would be advisable, leaving the G. T. P. strictly out of the question, to guarantee bonds under a rock grant (call it land if you will, but you will find it as the Wraggle Sentinel says: "There is lots of chance for farming in the north, but you want to bring the farms with you." This grant will in no wise reduce the negotiable assets of the province, but will be the means of opening up its richest mining and farming lands. Island extension should be dealt with carefully.

Island lands, outside of what has already passed from the hands of the government, make a small yet valuable asset, therefore the government would be safe in holding the greater part of it and granting a cash subsidy, or better yet, a land grant, under restrictions which will safeguard the provincial credit. Not less than two lines in the remainder of the province should be guaranteed if land is given under a greater value, the grant should be correspondingly less. We must have railways, to obtain them they must be subsidized, but let the subsidy be such a small one as will give to the province the greatest returns. As for the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Dominion government is entitled to that corporation to the extent of \$30,000 per mile through British Columbia. Recently the Colonist published a table showing that this province pays to the Dominion a much larger amount, per capita, than the other provinces, the regular cash subsidy of the Dominion to railways through mountainous regions is \$30,000 per mile, or \$3,400,000 for the 400 miles across the province. The G. T. P. is not satisfied with this enormous amount, but has the audacity to approach the government with a request for 20,000 acres of land per mile, which would amount to a gift of land twice the size of Vancouver.

Can anyone who claims to be a British Columbian, or who has the interest of the province at heart, for a moment sanction such a hold-up? Watch the people who advocate the grant to the G. T. P. "Straws show which way the wind blows." The C. P. R. is said to have purchased the E. & N. R. R. Several of our public men express their approval. Is it because the C. P. R. is a better line of road than other transcontinental roads now having equal rights over it? How can this be reconciled with the clause in the bill before the Dominion government, "A head-on to all Canada"? Why does the Board of Trade not advocate an additional clause granting running powers over the road under such conditions that the railways will not be shut out of Victoria? One more question, and I close: Is it a fact that the McBride government has been asked to purchase the E. & N. R. R. grant for the purpose of giving the same to the C. P. R. as a bonus for extending the E. & N. to the northern end of the Island? H. H. JONES.

POOR LITTLE CZAR.

T. P. O'Connor. It is said that at this very moment the Czar constantly finds in the pockets of his coat, nay, even under his pillow, letters threatening assassination. "A head-on to all Canada"? Why does the Board of Trade not advocate an additional clause granting running powers over the road under such conditions that the railways will not be shut out of Victoria? One more question, and I close: Is it a fact that the McBride government has been asked to purchase the E. & N. R. R. grant for the purpose of giving the same to the C. P. R. as a bonus for extending the E. & N. to the northern end of the Island? H. H. JONES.

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little Czar is not a Caesar, or a Cromwell, would entail an additional expenditure of about three millions sterling. Income tax payers do not relish the idea of having to pay an extra penny or three-halfpence in the pound for supplying the army with weapons with experts now declare to be a positive danger.

A SMALL GLOBE TROTTER.
Brockville Recorder. Among the English emigrants passing over the C. P. R. last week was a little tot of four years named Beatrice Hyde, who had come all alone from Liverpool. A relative in that city gave the purser of the C. P. R. a letter and enough money to pay for the child's food to her destination, a small town in British Columbia. The little one was absolutely alone, but was quite content with her big doll as her companion. The money is passed on from conductor to conductor, and Beatrice never suffered for lack of attention. According to the letter, an aunt will meet her when she reaches her journey.

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SALE OF OBSOLETE WARSHIPS.
Naval and Military Record. The Admiralty have made arrangements for offering for sale by auction at Chatham Dockyard, on April 4, 30 obsolete cruisers, and other craft, whose aggregate cost exceeded £3,000,000. The list comprises the cruisers Varspite, Northampton, Galatea, Glatton, Severn, Mersey, Arcturion, Archer, Mohawk, Racoon, Barracouta, and Cossack, the torpedo-gunboats Renard and Glenear, the gunboats Bouncer, Starling, and Redwing, the ex-Govt. line-of-battle ship Royal Adelaide, and the sailing coast-guard cruisers and cutters Victoria, Rose Bearer, Adder, Frances, Neptune, Margaret, Delight, Squidrel, and Mary. Most of the vessels are in the steam business at Chatham dockyard or at anchor in the Medway. The Royal Adelaide was launched at Devonport on July 28, 1858, the christening service being performed by the Duchess of Clarence, wife of the Duke Clarence, Lord High Admiral, and afterwards King William IV.

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A Russian great in visions grand
Saw how his country would expand;
He saw the mission flag unfurled
In distant portions of the world.
Defiance at her feet he hurled.
'Twas thus bold Peter planned.
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When he had nothing else to do.
He saw the nation fall in love;
He saw the gentle turtle dove;
But not the future just above—
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Mother's Club.—The regular meeting of the Mother's Club will be held at the Spring Ridge school at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The subject for discussion will be "The Power of Suggestion."

Parlor Social.—The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will give a parlor social at the home of Mrs. Netherby, 142 Chatham street, this evening. A good programme and refreshments will be provided.

The Sandpits.—The sandpits at Spring Ridge which have been a source of much concern to residents in that locality, will shortly be a thing living only in memory, the council having determined to appoint a committee to arrange for their closing up, thus abating a nuisance of long standing.

Masquerade Ball.—Under the auspices of the Victoria West Athletic Association, a masquerade ball will be held in the hall of the association tomorrow evening. Energetic committees are at work arranging a splendid evening's programme and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

Anti-Tuberculosis Work.—Dr. Fagan hopes that all the collecting cards for the maintenance fund will be returned on or before the next meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, which will be held on April 10 at the City hall, when full reports of all collections, donations and progress of work will be laid before the society.

Dancing Will Follow Business.—After the regular meeting of Court Victoria, A. O. F., this evening in Sir William Wallace hall, a social dance will be held, at which members and their friends will be welcome. The court, although but little more than one year old, one of the most flourishing in the jurisdiction.

Debt Reduced.—Victorians interested in the Y. M. C. A. will be pleased to hear that the association's debt has been greatly reduced, the sum now owing being a little less than \$500. The members of the board of directors are highly pleased and they begin to think that their dream of a new Y. M. C. A. may shortly be realized.

Renaming the Streets.—A meeting of the streets and bridges committee of City Council will be held tomorrow evening. It is anticipated that at this session the final work will be done in renaming the streets of the city. On the ward system Ald. Hanna said yesterday it was hoped to have the changes all in shape for presentation at Monday evening's meeting of the council.

Monthly Entertainment.—St. Andrew's Society held their monthly entertainment in Sir William Wallace hall on Monday evening. Splendid views of Stirling, Edinburgh and other cities were shown by J. R. Mackie, and solos were rendered by Messrs. Taylor, Kennedy and Gordon. A duet by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor was well received, and the members dispersed highly pleased with their evening's entertainment.

To Boom Victoria.—In consideration of the magnanimity of the Victoria Agricultural Association, the Royal City Agricultural Association has voted the sum of \$250 to the Victoria Tourist Association, the money to be used in advertising Victoria at the Dominion fair to be held at New Westminster in September. It is probable that New Westminster will call off its expositions in 1906 and join hands with Victoria for the event of next year a huge success.

The Police Court.—In the Police court yesterday morning, one Connolly, was convicted on a charge of infracting the code with reference to public morals and sentenced to four months imprisonment. Two drunks, one of them the sailor who tried to get away with the deserting United States sailors held for the officer in charge on Monday night—were fined \$2.50 and an extra dollar for their ride to the lock-up.

Legal Jottings.—In Chambers yesterday morning, before the chief justice, several applications were disposed of: Re H. M. Cleland, deceased, application under Legal Professions Act; Lawson for application and Bradburn contra; an bill of setting aside a verdict for one week. In Bodwell et al vs. San Juan Boom Co., et al; an Interpleader; Higgins for claimant, Eberts for sheriff; sheriff to withdraw from possession; sheriff entitled to his costs up to the date of his notice in writing; sheriff to have cost of application from plainiffs.

American Librarians' Association.—One of the many important gatherings to be held at Portland during the approaching summer will be the annual convention of the American Librarians' Association, at which it is expected no fewer than between 600 and 800 of the leading exponents of twentieth century library science will be present. In all probability Mr. E. O. Schofield, provincial librarian, will be the guest of honor, and it is expected that he will deliver a paper on "The Future of the Library." It is the hope of the former that the association may be induced to hold their 1906 convention in this city—or if the East demands the alternate year, in 1907. The fact that the hall of the association of more librarians, the majority of whom will be accompanied by members of their families, would be an immense thing for the city, and one to secure which the Tourist Association and City Council should lend all possible assistance.

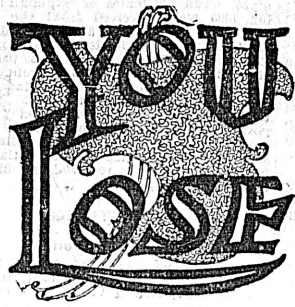
Go to Reformatory.—Three small boys, ranging in age from twelve to fourteen years, were yesterday sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the provincial reformatory. The boys, each with a bad record, each a graduate of the reformatory, were taken from the local jail, broke into a fruit store and stole four dollars' worth of tobacco, cigarettes and chewing gum—a theft committed not so much for the loot as to get the change of going to the new reformatory. The boys, who, when not in the old reformatory, were taken there at intervals—led a street life; and, as each expressed a wish—whether with good intent or not—to have an opportunity to learn a trade, the chance was given them. They went this morning to the reformatory, and Vancouver they have been anxious to enter—they several times went in canoes to the Vancouver steamer and tried to board her with the purpose of going up to see the new reformatory.

Natural History Society.—A well-attended meeting of the above society was held Monday evening, the president, Captain Walbran, in the chair. As visitors there were present W. W. Stumbles, of the marine and fisheries department; Captain James Curtis, R. N., and Captain Stromgren. The usual routine of the society was followed after which Captain Walbran read the paper of the evening, entitled, "The Origin of the Names of Places in British Columbia." This was a continuation of a paper read before the society some time ago, and was highly interesting. The lecturer explained the names of the various islands, capes, bays, headlands, harbors, etc., along the coast line of this province, at the same time giving careful data and numerous anecdotes of the lives of the people after whom the localities had been named. Upon the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer, with the expressed wish of the society that these valuable papers should be published.

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Many people think a mainspring is a maddening no matter where they get it. That is a great mistake. It is difficult to estimate the effect a mainspring has upon a watch. Every spring has its degree of strength, and every watch requires a certain strength of spring. If you have the correct combination of your watch for a smooth-running watch is good. Then, again, there are different grades of springs, cheap and not so cheap. The cheap invariably break. Now, in order to avoid shoddy and indifferent work, find a good man and stay with him. We claim to be that man.

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A programme which will especially appeal to the musically cultured is that arranged for this evening's Faculty Concert of the British Columbia Ladies' College, to be given at Institute Hall at 8.15. The talent appearing is naturally of the highest, and the musical and literary bill of fare is one of especial charm, embracing selections from the best works of Bizet, Mendelssohn, Ten Have, Haydn, Handel and Weckerlin. Here is the programme:

Solo—"La Habanera" (Carmen).....Bizet
Miss Queenie McCoy.
Piano—Scherzo.....Mendelssohn
Mrs. Russell-Boulton.
Reading—"Tomorrow at Ten" (Newport)
Idyll.....Nora Perry
Violin—Allegro Brillant.....William Ten Have
Mr. Jesse Longfield.
Solo—"My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair"
Miss McCoy.
Reading—"Rival Queens".....Schiller
Miss Underhill.
Viola—Largo in G.....Handel
Miss Longfield.
Solo—"Consells a Nina".....Weckerlin
Miss McCoy.
Duet for two pianos—Molto allegro con fuoco
Mrs. Boulton and Miss Josie Beck.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME.

Concert in Aid Proves to Have Been Economically Managed.

The committee who had in hand the fine concert given in aid of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home in the Victoria Theatre on February 28 have handed the total receipts and expenditures in connection with that event. The committee are much gratified over the results achieved, and desire to renew their hearty thanks to all who assisted them on that occasion. The net profit amounted to \$478.20, so that the debt previously announced of \$1,082 has been reduced to about \$600. Every effort will be made to pay this off as quickly as possible, and contributions for this object will be gratefully acknowledged. The concert statement is appended:

Private sale of tickets.....	\$225 25
Door receipts and sale at Waitt's Music Store.....	\$247 75
Sale of programmes and candy.....	35 70
Total.....	\$508 70
Expenditure.	
Ushers, accompanists and cloak room attendants.....	\$1 50
Colonist P. & P. Co.—tickets.....	4 50
Sundry expenses connected with the concert.....	2 00
With tabernacle.....	2 00
Stage properties.....	1 00
Car fares of performers.....	1 00
Hitt Bros., fireworks.....	1 00
Balance in hand.....	478 20
Total.....	\$508 70

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Concert Sub-Committee.

Spiritual Meeting.—Mrs. W. L. Reese will hold a spiritual meeting at her residence, 36 Superior street, this evening at 8 o'clock.

The R. E. Dance.—A misunderstanding appears to have arisen with respect to the R. E. Dance at Work Point this week. It is to be held on Friday, not Thursday, evening.

Solace for the Seal.—At the recent meeting of the Women's Council attention was directed to alleged molestation of seals in the park zoo, and the secretary was requested to take up the matter with the S. P. C. A.

Orchestral Concert.—An orchestra under the name of the Cecilia orchestra has recently been organized in Victoria, Mr. Jesse Longfield being the leader, for the purpose of encouraging amateur orchestral music in the city. The new musical organization will give a first concert at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday, the 21st instant, with the assistance of some of Victoria's favorite vocalists. There are from twenty-five to thirty of the best instrumentalists of the city in the Cecilia orchestra.

ISADOR BRAVERMAN HAS PASSED AWAY

Pioneer Resident and Prominent Capitalist Has Joined Great Majority.

A well known and highly respected citizen and capitalist of Victoria passed away yesterday in the person of Isador Braverman, his death occurring at the family residence, 172 Yates street, after a protracted illness. Deceased was 75 years of age, and a native of Pilsen, Germany. Besides a widow, he leaves two brothers residing in the States, and one sister, now in the Old Country, to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the family residence. Members of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital will attend in a body.

The late Isador Braverman came to Victoria several years before the gold excitement in Canada and the subsequent rush of miners into the interior. He witnessed the growth and development of Victoria from a small Hudson's Bay post to the capital of the province. Arriving here in 1858 he immediately established a wholesale and retail lace business, which speedily assumed large proportions.

The gold excitement occurring in 1862, he decided to try his luck and joined the crowd which passed through Victoria to the northern mines. Not meeting with much success, Mr. Braverman returned to Victoria, resuming his business connections already established. This venture thrived exceedingly, and making lucky speculations in property, he speedily amassed considerable wealth.

Some ten years ago Mr. Braverman was enabled to retire from active commercial pursuits, though his identification with all matters which tended towards civic progress was always most marked.

Deceased was in recent years particularly interested in charitable movements, including special interest in hospital affairs. When the Royal French hospital was established at the head of Pandora street, Mr. Braverman was one of its first subscribers. He was a prominent director, and when this old time institution was absorbed by the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, he was one of three who were permanently appointed members of the board of directors of the institution. Since then, until failing health prevented, he has taken great interest in the management of hospital affairs, attending every directors' meeting.

News has been received by Hinkson Seidl of the death at the City of Indian Territory, of Fred Collins, formerly of Victoria. Deceased, who was a victim of pneumonia, was but nineteen years of age. During his residence here he was in the employ of W. Jones, the auctioneer, and a member of the Methodist church. He leaves a mother, father and brother at Chaut City to mourn his untimely taking away; and a large number of friends in this city deeply regret to learn of his demise.

The funeral of the late Joseph Charles Marcotte, arranged to take place today at 10.30 a. m., has been postponed to Friday at 10 a. m. The funeral will take place from the family residence, Santa Saunich, thence to the Catholic cemetery near by, where the remains will be laid.

MISS ROSA McAHAN OF BUTTE
How After Two Years She Found a Remedy for Dandruff.

Miss Rosa Mcahan of 211 West Quartz street, Butte, Mont., says: "Herpelle has been the cause of my scalp being so itchy that it was entirely covered; and it has kept my falling hair. I have tried many different preparations in the past two years, none of which did except Newby's Herpelle. Dandruff is a germ disease and Herpelle is an infallible destroyer of the germ. 'Destroy the cause, you remove the effect.' Kill the dandruff germ, and your dandruff is cured. It is a delightful dressing; always itching; makes the hair soft as silk. Sold by leading druggists. Send 16 in stamps for sample to The Herpelle Co., Detroit, Mich. C. H. Bowes & Co., 92 Government street, Special Agents."

Read the salvage sale ad. on 8th page of this issue. It's worth your while.

Military Opening.—Although the military openings are all somewhat earlier this year than last, yet the exigencies of the season demand it and many of the city military houses have already announced their opening. With the new season's styles in the different departments. Prominent among those having announced their opening is that of the Elite, 43 Fort street, which, as usual, is to the front with a complete ready-to-wear hats and other novelties in their lines. Inspection invited.

Be sure and go to the Irish rectal by Mrs. Gleason in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Friday evening, March 17. Mrs. Gleason will be assisted by Mr. G. H. Larigan, piccolo and violin; Mrs. Gregson, vocalist; and Miss Rolfe, pianist. Admission 25 cents.

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Booklet Now in Press Will Be a Beauty—Pictures for Old Country Lectures.

The regular weekly meeting of the Tourist Association executive was held yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. F. W. Vincent, vice-president, in the chair. A. O. Oddy, H. B. Thomson, J. E. Wilson, A. A. Anderson and B. S. Helstern were present. The letter file contained a large volume of correspondence, embracing enquiries from all parts of the world.

With reference to the proposal to dredge the Arm above the Gorge bridge, the minister of marine and fisheries wrote that the matter had been referred to the department of public works, and was under consideration.

Among the enquiries was a letter from a gentleman in Medicine Hat who proposes sending his family here for the summer. There was another from a residence of Nevada City, California, and who had decided to come to Victoria, and wanted to know the duty chargeable on household effects, etc. A gentleman in Buckinghamshire, England, wanted to know the information of agriculture, who turned his letter over to the society. It stated that during a recent visit to Canada he had been struck by the attractions of Victoria and was anxious to have descriptive literature for the information of his friends. Another writer from the old country had a shooting trip in view on Vancouver Island and desired advice as to the game laws and the seasons.

A writer from Camden, New Jersey, proposed to spend some time in Victoria during the coming summer. He wanted to know the information of agriculture, who turned his letter over to the society.

Mr. H. B. Gregory, of St. Louis, wrote that one of his personally conducted tours will be here this summer. He asked that fifty copies of the society's literature be sent to him and an amount to his agent in Columbus.

It was decided to insert some advertisements in the new book that is now on the press. The number of pages allotted for this purpose for the first issue will not be more than six, and these will be given to those people who apply for them in rotation before Friday noon of this week. A price per page has been fixed and those who require special stated positions will be asked to state what they are willing to pay as a bonus for such positions. The style of the advertisements must conform to that of the book, so that the value of it will not deteriorate. Any advertisements that are offered outside of the above mentioned limits in the second edition, which will immediately follow the first. There will be fifty thousand copies issued altogether, and it is safe to say that there has never been a book given away in western America that will equal in design and general attractiveness the one now being got out. The secretary will be pleased to give all the information possible to those who are interested.

It was decided to accept an offer of the Times for a page of its Portland fair souvenir number, to be placed at the disposal of the society.

In order to create a movement amongst residents to beautify their homes, the association will take advantage of the Colonist's permission to use a special page of the paper on Sunday for this purpose.

Authorization was given for the immediate printing of 20,000 folders to be placed in business men's envelopes. In the folders special attention will be directed to the cheap rates which will obtain to the coast in connection with the Lewis and Clark exposition this year.

In connection with the four sets of lantern slides which have been sent to Ottawa to be used by government lecturers in the old country, the secretary submitted some explanatory notes to be used as addenda in regard thereto. Copies of these notes will be forwarded to Ottawa to be placed at the disposal of lecturers.

Efforts are being made by the society to induce the W. C. T. U. to hold its convention in Victoria, and Mrs. Spofford, of the local organization, has asked their co-operation in entertaining the visitors should they come. The secretary was instructed to take note of this and get all details in connection therewith.

HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

New Inventions for Colliery Workings—Fruitgrowers and Their Interests.

D. M. Robertson, of New Westminster, president of the Associated Nurseriesmen, who is among the guests at the Dominion hotel, said to a Colliery reporter that he took strong exception to the Times' report of the interview had with the government by the Nurseriesmen yesterday morning. Fruit Inspector Thomas Cunningham is reported to have said that he had done everything possible to protect the interests of the fruitgrowers. Mr. Robertson said it was the nurseriesmen and not the fruitgrowers who are interested in the present matter, and that complaint is not aimed particularly against the fruit inspector, but against the amendments to the Horticultural Act, and the practice of damaging and losing many of the plants when in the hands of the inspectors at Vancouver. Mr. Robertson said that when this latter charge was made at the committee meeting, Mr. Cunningham had not one word to say in reply. The president of the association further said during the course of his talk that there were numerous instances on record where a large number of trees in small shipments were missing, tags lost on others and considerable damage done to the balance in handling by the inspectors.

C. F. Herberg, of the office staff of the Portland Cement Co., which has just established a big plant at Tod creek, Saanich Arm, was among the guests at the Dominion hotel yesterday evening. He says excellent progress is being made in getting the works in order for the extension of the plant, and that one of the most important industries in the province will shortly be in full running order.

Registered at the Dominion hotel is Tim Carroll, of San Francisco, California. He is the inventor of a new and useful triple appliance for coal cars, which is now in general use in the United States. Mr. Carroll has come to Canada with the idea of introducing his patent in this country; and to this end will visit Island coal-mining centers at once.

J. Rowan and C. W. Peck of New Westminster, prominent mainland cannyermen, are over from the Royal City in connection with plans for the construction of a cannery at Esquimalt.

A guest at the Driford is John Dorsey, from Bulkley valley, who is studiously advancing the best interests of that district. Mr. Dorsey thinks that once the district is properly opened up there will be an immediate influx of settlers. He will present certain propositions to the government looking to the granting of appropriation for roads and trails during the present session.

Maxwell Smith, the Dominion inspector under the Fruit Marks act, who was at the New England yesterday, to a Colliery reporter said that the proposal to appoint an additional inspector did not originate with him, but with certain parties evidently desirous of creating a position for a friend. He had the work well in hand; and a great improvement was noticeable in the manner in which the provisions of the act are being observed. During his visit here, Mr. Smith detected and corrected a number of faults in fruit packing. He says the great need of an additional inspector is for the territory comprised in the district from Edmonton west to the Rockies. This district, besides the large area in the province of British Columbia, is now with Mr. Smith's jurisdiction. Mr. Smith's present visit has been chiefly to inspect importations of fruit from Oregon, which, upon being distributed from the centre, must come to the Canadian market, and classification. Of course the importer's name appears as that of the party responsible for the condition and grading of the fruit.

Superintendent James Wilson, of the C. P. R. telegraphs, who is making one of his periodical official visits to the Capital, gives the news that his company is this year completing the copper wire from Winnipeg to Revelstoke. The extension of the copper wire from Revelstoke to Ashcroft is contemplated for next year, in which case the line will be a through one from coast to coast.

Mr. Pendray Talks Of "Turn Down"

Why His Companies' Application For Consideration Was Legitimate.

Local Industries Will Probably Now Remove to Mainland Headquarters.

When seen last night regarding the action taken by the city council of Victoria in respect to the application of the B. C. Soap Works and the British America Paper Co. for a site, with exemption from water rates and taxation for a long period of years, Mr. J. C. Pendray, manager of the paint department, said:

"We are fully aware there are a number of people in Victoria who would be opposed to granting any assistance to a local industry in order to induce it to remain in the city. But if the facts of our position as manufacturers were thoroughly understood, an entirely different light would be thrown upon the situation."

"At present over 75 per cent. of our trade is done on the mainland. The manufacturers' agents in Vancouver, we are compelled to absorb all the freight charges to the Terminal City, and in a number of the staple lines we find that these charges consume most of the profit."

Mr. Pendray also cited a number of other drawbacks his firm had to contend with, for instance, rush orders from the upper mainland take three days longer to fill from Victoria than from Vancouver, and also all incoming transcontinental freight takes from two to three days longer to reach Victoria than Vancouver.

"With regard to shipping facilities," said Mr. Pendray, "the only available sites in Victoria at present are some distance from railways, and all our freight has to be carted to the station, whereas in Vancouver there are a number of good sites offered to us on both the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern railways. This is why we asked the city for a site on the Indian reserve."

"The question was asked: 'What steps will you take if the city still refuses to lend any assistance?'"

To this Mr. Pendray replied very emphatically that his firm had decided to establish their main office and works in Vancouver. Continuing, he said: "This means that we will only manufacture in Victoria goods consumed here. In other words, three-quarters of our business will be done in Vancouver. The Victoria establishment will be merely a branch. Under the circumstances, we certainly cannot afford to leave an open field in Vancouver for our opponents."

"With regard to our application to the city, we consider it a very reasonable one. It is a request for a free site, free water and exemption from taxation. If the Royal City thinks we are entitled to such consideration, surely our home city could at least offer some inducements for us to remain here."

Blanche Walsh, who is playing to overflowing audiences in "The Woman in the Case," at the Herald Square Theatre, is anxious to become the star of a permanent stock company located in this city. She has been starring all over the country for several years. Now she and her managers, Wagenhals & Kemper, are nursing plans to establish here a producing stock company. Miss Walsh says: "I am only anticipating with my idea of a stock company what must come sooner or later. It was the producing stock company which first began to dream in this country, and it developed the only histrionic talent we may rightfully boast. Nothing but an organization of this kind will evolve a national drama. The French, German or English drama means something Central, together with a native and never will the business of playwriting be conducted as it is nowadays—on the mail-order plan. It is plays that are wanted and a producing stock company. My managers, Wagenhals & Kemper, agree with me, and are looking around for a suitable theatre in which to establish a permanent organization for the production of plays by American authors."

The special committee of the Victoria Lacrosse Club, which was appointed to consider plans for the coming season, met yesterday afternoon, when the following report was drawn up: It is the opinion that only radical reforms will bring the lacrosse club back to Victoria as well as place the finances of the club on a sound basis. The committee has the following recommendations:

1. That the Victoria Lacrosse Club be properly organized, i.e., that a constitution and by-laws be adopted.

2. That the membership of the club consist of (a) non-players, who shall pay a yearly subscription, (b) players, who shall pay no subscription.

3. That all players in the district over 10 years of age shall become members of the Victoria Lacrosse Club upon signing membership roll, which shall be kept by the secretary.

4. The executive of the club shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, the president of each local lacrosse club and three other members, who shall be selected from the non-players.

5. The selection of the team for league matches shall be in the hands of the executive assisted by the captain and the players.

6. No player under any consideration shall receive any gratuity for his services, nor shall any of the funds of the club be loaned to him, or that he may be traveling expenses; but this shall not prevent the executive paying an employer for the loss of the player's time at practice and at games.

7. That the club offer cups and medals, (a) for a local championship between the present lacrosse teams of Victoria, (b) for a championship between the Victoria and the other clubs in the district, (c) for a school championship; the latter to be started immediately after Easter. Both of these series to be played on a regular schedule.

8. When there is no scheduled league match of the province, there shall be a challenge match at Oak Bay. Games shall be held fortnightly, so arranged as not to conflict with the baseball schedule.

9. A test match shall precede the game of 21 May.

10. During the season there shall be regular fortnightly meetings of the executive.

11. During the season there shall be regular monthly meetings of the whole club.

12. The annual meeting shall be held within six weeks of the last scheduled senior game of the season.

The lacrosse situation in the city at present is very volatile. The annual meeting has been called for March 20, and promises to be one of the liveliest ever seen here. It is rumored that the majority of the playing members of last year's team are very strongly opposed to Rev. Mr. Bolton's plans. It is understood that their plan is to have a new club members, and to elect all the officers from among the old members.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Central Lacrosse Club will be held this evening. The Central Junior team, which made so good a showing last season, will this year enter the local intermediate league, and with all their old players and a few new men, should make a strong bid for intermediate honors. For the junior team over twenty-five young enthusiasts will try for places, and should be formidable rivals for any other team in the city. The members and officers interested are requested to be on hand at 8 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

THE RING. Friday's Contest. York Gleason will arrive from Seattle tomorrow ready for his 20-round bout with Bert Clark Friday. Gleason is in perfect condition. The boys have agreed to weigh 138 pounds at 3 o'clock on the day of the contest.

Bill Meets White. Promoter Coffroth, of San Francisco, has substituted Jahaz White for Battling Nelson as next month's opponent to Jimmy Britt. White will reach New York Thursday and immediately leave for San Francisco.

BILLIARDS. Final Game. The final game in the Victoria tournament billiard series, which commenced at 8:30, this game promises to be the event of the season, the finalists being Mr. S. Robinson of Victoria and Mr. J. C. Pendray of Vancouver. Both are experts. As today's play from the same mark, the game will be brimful of excitement and interest. The game is 300 points, and when half the number has been scored by the

SPORING NEWS.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Australian Tour Off.

It is about final that the proposed tour of the Australian colonies for a British rugby team will end. The preliminary discussion of its possibility. Plans for this proposed trip, which would no doubt have done much to stimulate inter-colonial interest in the "game of all," were fully outlined in the Colonist some weeks ago. The deathblow of the proposal would seem to be given in the following sentence, received by Mr. H. B. Woodward of Vancouver, in whose hands the arrangements have been left:

"Sydney, N. S. W., March 10. "Woodward, Vancouver: "Regret unable to accept visit. "And that seemingly settles it."

ATHLETICS.

J. B. A. A. Monthly Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the J. B. A. A. committee of management was held last night, when estimates of expenditure during 1905 were received from the boating committee, and returned to the trustees. It is understood they aggregate \$2,000. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. Thos. Hopper for his presentation of handsome goggles and a "bag of all," which will adorn the premises. Twenty-three applications were received for the position of caretaker; George Elby, a naval engineer, was chosen. Mr. H. B. Woodward, 23 years' service in the British navy, having but recently received his discharge from H. M. S. Egeria.

WRESTLING.

McLeod Won.

Dan McLeod succeeded in fulfilling his contract at the Savoy last night. He threw his opponent, Ernest Vilg of Victoria, in 10 minutes 30 seconds. The fight put up a game struggle, but McLeod was too experienced for him. Tonight McLeod will have to meet Chris Pearson of Tacoma, who succeeded in staying the limit Monday.

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Hospital Directorate.—A general meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital is to be held at the Board of Trade rooms on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Baker-Porter.—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Centennial Methodist church yesterday evening, when George Baker, formerly of Victoria, but now located at Ladysmith, was united in the holy bonds to Mrs. Annie Porter, of Gorge road. Only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. After a few days' sojourn at the capital, the newly-wedded pair will take up their residence at Ladysmith.

Clearing House Returns.—The total of clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ended yesterday amounted to \$788,786.

Goes Back Again.—Dr. G. L. Milne, immigration officer, has ordered the return to San Francisco of Mrs. Margaret Norrington, the old and indigent lady who was shipped back to San Francisco on arrival by the steamer Senator two weeks ago. On arrival at San Francisco the immigration officials there decided to return her to Victoria and she arrived by the City of Puebla. Dr. Milne has sent her back again and threatens to fine the steamship company if she is landed at any point in British Columbia.

The Provincial Legislature

Opposition Fail in Endeavor to Tie-up Songhees Reserve Question.

Bill Finally Passed—Other Measures Advanced—Good Progress Made.

Tuesday, March 14, 1905.
The House assembled at 2 o'clock and after prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell, the following was the order of business:

Songhees Reserve.
On the third reading of the Songhees Reserve bill, Mr. Cameron and Mr. J. A. Macdonald again proposed amendments, which have already appeared in the proceedings, but the Speaker ruled them out of order on the ground that the House had already expressed opinion in the matter.

Mr. Oliver then moved that "the bill be read this day three months," offering in justification therefor an opinion that the bill placed a dangerous power in the hands of the government. As a suggestion that this power might be abused, he averred that, in the matter of the exchange of lands, to acquire a farm for the Westminster asylum, they had exceeded their statutory powers.

The Premier commented humorously upon Mr. Oliver's seeming solicitude for the interests of Victoria, in contrast with the opinion he gave utterance to on former occasions that its interests were only too well served at the Capital. He proceeded to seek a reason for Mr. Oliver's persistence on this question.

Mr. Oliver did not think his motives should be discussed.

The Premier gracefully consented to withdraw any suggestion of impropriety, marking that he would let it pass as being a frivolous waste of time and nothing more.

Mr. Murphy objected to the bill on principle. He wanted to know if the President of the Council (Mr. Cotton) would have been prepared to give such power to the Martin government.

The motion to throw out the bill was put and lost on the following vote:

Against—Hawthornthwaite, Williams, Tatlow, McBride, Wilson, Cotton, Ellison, Clifford, Bowser, Fraser, Ross, A. MacDonald, Green, Fulton, Garden, Taylor, Wright, Young, Macgowan, Shatford, Grant—21.

For—McLennan, Drury, Brown, McNiven, Murphy, Jones, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, J. A. MacDonald, Henderson, Munro, Paterson, Wells, Hall, Cameron—16.
The bill was read a third time and finally passed.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite had given notice of an amendment "that any legal rights or interests of the city of Victoria in the said land are not prejudiced or affected by such disposal," and sent it up to the Speaker after the passage of the bill, which had apparently escaped his attention. The amendment was accordingly ruled out of order.

The bill to amend the Wellington Re-employment Act passed second reading. The Finance Minister explained that owing to conditions in that place some years ago, an indebtedness of some \$45,000 and assets amounting to \$3,000 or \$4,000, it had been necessary to appoint a receiver. This appointment expired in May last, and in order to give effect to the purpose of the act it was

necessary to provide for the continuance of that appointment, and this was what the bill sought to do.

In the absence of Dr. King, the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Forcing Valley Railway Co. was moved by Mr. Brown. He remarked that the proposed railway would be about 90 miles in length and traverse a tract of country in the southeastern corner of the province, possessing large coal areas. The promoters of the road had already expended about \$75,000 in developing their coal deposits, and the railway was needed to assist in opening up this valuable country.

The motion passed.
Mr. Clifford moved the second reading of the bill respecting the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway, which, he explained, provides for an extension of time for commencement of work, and authorizes a reduction of capital from five to one million dollars. The original charter contemplated construction from the eastern boundary of the province. It was recognized now that this would be covered by the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and as it was not necessary to provide for building that part, the reduction of capital was proposed.

The motion passed.
The motion for the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Stave Valley Railway Co. was discharged and the bill was referred back to the railway committee.

Benevolent Societies.
The bill to amend the Benevolent Societies Act was committed. Mr. Brown in the chair. This bill authorizes the government to cancel the licenses of "clubs," the conduct of which is adjudged to be contrary to the spirit of the act.

Mr. Macdonald suggested that the power to interfere with legitimate societies should not be placed in the hands of the government. It was never intended, he said, that clubs and gambling houses should be incorporated under the Benevolent Societies Act. He proposed an amendment that the power of interference should be restricted to clubs having authorization to sell liquor.

Mr. Bowser contended that this would destroy the bill as there were only a few societies which had permission in their charter to sell liquor. On the other hand, there were glaring cases of abuse, in which the government might justly interfere. He mentioned a list of clubs in Vancouver which were operating under the Benevolent Societies Act, namely, the Bilks' club, Unique club, Japanese club, Balmoral club and others. Incidentally he observed that the president of the Railway Porters' club was now doing a term of six months in jail. He observed that in Ontario and other provinces the government was given similar power with respect to organizations.

The Premier agreed with the member for Vancouver. He did not think it was to be feared that the government would take any high-handed action as a result of its powers in the matter.
The bill was reported complete with an amendment that it should apply only to "social" clubs.

The bill to amend the Supreme Court Act passed second reading upon motion of Mr. Brown. It provides that the amount of the deposit for costs occasioned by any appeal shall not exceed \$200.

Mr. Williams moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act, which proposes a reduction in the amount of the deposit required of candidates for the legislature from \$200 to \$50. The principle which he offered in argument for the bill was that poverty should not be a bar against admission to the House and that \$200 was an unreasonable obstacle.

The Premier moved the adjournment of the debate.
The House rose.

TRADE TERMS TRANSPLANTED

Lively Dialogue Marked Session of the Horticulturists Yesterday.

As a result of representations made by the B. C. Nurserymen's Association, it is said that the agricultural committee of the local legislature will recommend a number of amendments to the horticultural board act when it reports to the House.

On Monday the committee was waited upon by Mr. D. M. Robertson and Mr. J. R. Anderson, president and secretary respectively of the nurserymen's organization, who complained that the officials of the horticultural board were incompetent. They also represented that the cost of inspection of fruit trees was excessive; that trees were injured by careless handling; that provincial inspection should not be necessary after fumigation by the Dominion authorities; that the power of the horticultural board to close nurseries should be limited to a prevention of the sale of varieties actually infected; that the damage for which nurserymen may be held responsible through the sale of infected stock be limited to the \$2,000 bond required in this connection, etc. Some of these suggestions, it is said, will be embodied in the committee's report to the House.

Discussion of these matters was continued at a meeting of the committee yesterday morning, when Mr. Thomas Cunningham, provincial inspector of fruit trees; Mr. L. M. Palmer, and Mr. J. R. Anderson, government officials, were present, as well as the representatives of the Nurserymen's Association.

For a time the proceedings were decidedly lively, owing to conflict of views in regard to the question of competency raised by the nurserymen's deputation. The chairman had occasion several times to call the meeting to order, such terms as "sucker," "graft" and other words synonymous with the tree growing business being transplanted into the discussion amid roars of merriment. At one stage the chairman threatened to close the session entirely on the ground that it had degenerated into a farce, but the humor of the thing was too much even for his dignity, and he laughed with the rest.

That no hard feelings were engendered by the meeting was evident by the fact that the whole company adjourned subsequently to the restaurant to smoke a friendly cigar.

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